# TOWN OF WALLACE Continued meeting February 21, 2020 1:00 p.m.

The Town Council of the Town of Wallace continued its monthly meeting on Friday, February 21, 2020 in the Council Chambers.

The following Governing Body members were present:

Mayor Charles C. Farrior, Jr.
Council Member/ Mayor Pro-Tem Wannetta Carlton
Council Member Frank Brinkley
Council Member Jeffrey Carter
Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz
Council Member Jason Wells

The following Governing Body members were absent: NONE

## Also present were:

Larry Bergman, Town Manager	Carrie Shields, Duplin Co. Economic Development
Jackie Nicholson, Town Clerk	Brenda Rivas-Diaz
David Morgan, Police Captain	Curt Simpson, Simpson Real Estate
	Abby Cavenaugh, Duplin Times

Mayor Charley Farrior reconvened the meeting with a quorum of the governing body members present.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Council Member Frank Brinkley made a motion to open a public hearing to discuss Project Boro. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wannetta Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

## Resolution in Support of Project Boro

Carrie Shields of the Duplin County Economic Development Commission said that a biogas company is considering a headquarters in Wallace at the intersection of US Hwy.117 and Westbrook Street. The business will provide approximately forty-five (45) jobs with an investment of \$4.5M and one hundred two (102) jobs with an additional investment of \$251.5M when fully operational. They are applying for a grant in the amount of \$94,627.50 to upfit the vacant building and have asked the Town of Wallace to contribute a five-percent (5%) match. If the entire grant amount is awarded the Town's match will be \$4,731.38. The public hearing

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was held as a requirement for the grant application. The grant will be awarded on April 16,2020.

Council Member Jason Wells made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Council Member Francisco Rivas-Diaz and approved by unanimous vote.

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt a Resolution In Support Of Project Bore To Locate A Biogas Headquarters Office In Wallace, NC. The motion was seconded by Council Member Brinkley and approved by unanimous vote.

## Other Business

Town Manager Larry Bergman presented information on the Town's current ordinances related to trucks parking on Town streets. Manager Bergman said he would work with the police department to provide a "cheat sheet" of sorts in order to enforcement the regulations. The Council indicated that this should be vetted by the Town Attorney and brought back to Council.

Police Captain David Morgan said that the No Parking signs at the Catholic Church were largely being ignored and asked for guidance. The Council asked him to have warning tickets written for one (1) month.

The Council rescheduled the Budget Retreat to next Friday, February 28, 2020.

There being no further business to discuss. Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlton and approved by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,	
Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor	
	Jacqueline Nicholson, CMC Town Clerk

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# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT BORO TO LOCATE A BIOGAS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE IN WALLACE, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Project Boro is considering a biogas headquarters office on 2.29 acre tract facing Norwood Street (US Hwy 117), Westbrook Street and College Street which includes 2,950 square foot building and large paved parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Boro proposes to invest \$4.5 M and to employ at least 45 persons at the headquarters with an additional 251.5M investment and 102 jobs when the company is fully operational;

**WHEREAS**, Project Boro plans are consistent with local land use and state and local transportation plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Boro plans conform with all applicable state and local ordinances and policies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Wallace that:

Section 1: Town of Wallace agrees to match equivalent to 5% of the request grant amount of \$94,627.50.

Section 2: The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to sign a resolution and related documents necessary to file and process grant application with Project Boro on behalf of the Town of Wallace.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2020 at Wallace, North Carolina.

Charles C. Farrior, Jr., Mayor
ATTEST:
Jacqueline Nicholson, Town Clerk

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